

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
January 3, 2012**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:00 • October 2011 Minutes approved with corrections
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Raymond – Hoffman Estates • Shane Koeneman - Palatine
Education Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan SWOT Analysis – each line of the Education System portion of the Plan was reviewed and findings were listed on the SWOT Analysis work sheet. J. Tobiasz will compile the findings and forward them to the Advisory Board. The SWOT Analysis Worksheet will be included as part of the minutes. A language change was made to the “Actions” section line #4 removing the date of July 2011 and implementation statement in 2012. The statement was rewritten to reflect implementing changes as necessary to reflect changes in scope of practice and the National EMS Education Standards. C. Mattera provided a copy of one of the new Paramedic Text books to indicate the amount of material they are being held to. Changes to the Strategic Plan would be forwarded to the Committee members for comment. Any additions to the SWOT Worksheet are to be emailed to J. Tobiasz. • Charter – the 2009 Education Committee Charter was reviewed. The following is a summary of the major language changes: <i>DOT Curriculum replaced with National EMS Education Standards; the Secretary position may be elected or the Chair may act; minute distribution will be electronically to members; approved minutes will be posted to the website.</i> J. Tobiasz would make the language changes and send the proposed draft to Committee Members for further comment, with approval at the next meeting. • Video CE - J. Schneidwind's sub-committee still seeks participants to help with shoots. Members were asked if they could access public media websites like You Tube. The System website currently does not have enough band width to host its own videos and NWCEMS has a site on You Tube that can be utilized via a link for the videos. Many indicated that they were not permitted to access these types of sites. J. Tobiasz discussed learning modules created by J. Schneidwind, and how they could be utilized by other agencies. C. Mattera stated that sharing education material could be a trend instead of individuals recreating similar CEs. Agencies and organizations could pool their resources and share material. • EMT Knowledge Bridge – C. Dunn stated he was working on the EMT transition material. EMTs will be required to complete the modules by December 31, 2012. The update will include pathology, physiology, and critical thinking. Each Agency will be required to guaranty completion. The System is required to notify IDPH that all current EMTs have been updated. C. Mattera stated that the paramedics receive their requirement through monthly CE. Agencies will need to have a Lead Instructor, Peer Educator or System recognized preceptor or Coordinator that can present the material at the department level. The System will also provide this update. • Peer Educator - It was commented that some Agencies may have individuals that attended the Peer Educator class without notifying their individual agency. C. Mattera would compile a list of current Peer Educators and Lead Instructors.
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Mattera indicated that are a significant number of State and Federal changes being reviewed and implemented. Many of them will be available on the website. • The website was discussed as a media for distributing material. Many still have not taken advantage of what is currently posted. Concerns were noted that the site may not be as user friendly as they would like it to be. Changes and updates are continuously occurring to meet the needs of all. • The System met as a group to discuss the Federal grant money being made available to develop a partnership with the community. One billion dollars would be awarded for developing a program that would change the way EMS serves the public. Though unable to meet the short timeline for grant application, the Chiefs have an interest in the concept and want continue moving forward with the concept. The Advisory Board will be working on future plans. • C. Mattera commented that current EMS practices could be changing and that the model we are using may be outdated.

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	<p>Ambulances may not be utilized for daily or routine transports; advanced trained EMS personal may be performing at home care. Alternate facilities may be used to receive patients that do not require hospitalization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Lead Instructor class is scheduled for Rockford. • A Level II Lead Instructor Class is scheduled for April 27, 28 and 29 in Elmhurst.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 • Next meeting February 7, 2012